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For (Title):

PROCESS FOR PRODUCTION OF MODIFIED CARBON BLACK FOR

RUBBER REINFORCEMENT AND PROCESS OF PRODUCTION OF RUBBER

COMPOSITION CONTAINING MODIFIED CARBON BLACK

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 - --This is a Division of Application No. 09/147,441, filed March 2, 1999, which is a §371 of International Patent Application No. PCT/JP98/00567, filed February 12, 1998. The disclosure of the prior applications are hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
- Priority of Japanese application Nos. 9-1126296 filed April 30, 1997; 9-112905, filed April 30, 冈 6. 1997; 9-144225, filed June 2, 1997; 9-146796, filed June 4, 1997; 9-206901, filed July 31, 1997; and 9-224082 filed August 20, 1998 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
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- 8. The prior application is assigned of record to <u>The Yokohama Rubber Co., Ltd</u> recorded at Reel 9828, Frames 0726 and 0727 on <u>March 2, 1999</u>.
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